

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A hydrogenated copolymer obtained by hydrogenating a copolymer having a softening point falling in a range of 45 to 55°C determined by a ball & ring method, wherein the hydrogenated copolymer has a softening point of 85 to 95°C determined by the ball & ring method.

Claim 2 (Original): The hydrogenated copolymer as described in claim 1, wherein the copolymer is obtained from cyclopentadiene and/or dicyclopentadiene and a vinyl-substituted aromatic compound.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A production process for a hydrogenated copolymer having a softening point of 85 to 95°C determined by a ball & ring method, ~~characterized by comprising subjecting~~ hydrogenating a copolymer having a softening point falling in a range of 45 to 55°C determined by the ball & ring method ~~to hydrogenation treatment~~.

Claim 4 (Original): The production process for a hydrogenated copolymer as described in claim 3, wherein the copolymer is obtained from cyclopentadiene and/or dicyclopentadiene and a vinyl-substituted aromatic compound.

Claim 5 (Original): A hot melt adhesive composition comprising the hydrogenated copolymer as described in claim 1.

Claim 6 (Original): The hot melt adhesive composition as described in claim 5, wherein the copolymer is obtained from cyclopentadiene and/or dicyclopentadiene and a vinyl-substituted aromatic compound.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The hot melt adhesive composition as described in claim 5 or 6, further comprising a base polymer and a plasticizer.